

NUM FAILS TO STOP RULES CHANGE MOVE

By TERENCE SHAW Legal Correspondent

THE National Union of Mineworkers yesterday lost a High Court legal battle to stop the union's Nottinghamshire area council from voting today on proposed rule changes that will give the area union greater autonomy.

After an all-day hearing in London that continued into the evening, Mr Justice WARNER refused to grant the NUM a temporary injunction to prevent the meeting being held or to force its postponement until Friday.

At the meeting today it is expected that the rule changes, already backed by 26 of the area's 31 branches, will be approved by a large majority.

The main proposal is to remove rule 30 of the area's rules, which provides where there is conflict between the national and local area rules, national area rules shall prevail. It was read to the court yesterday. Mr Peter HEATHFIELD, NUM general secretary, said the purpose of the proposed amendments was to give the Nottinghamshire area autonomy and independence from the NUM.

If that was allowed to happen, the structure of the union, as it had existed for 40 years, would be "in grave peril."

Breach of rules

The application for an injunction to stop the meeting had been brought by the NUM, two miners, Mr JAMES DOWSE and Mr GEOFFREY SPENCER, and four of the union's other areas including Durham and the coking group.

Their counsel, Mr STUART SHIELS, QC, had argued that what the Nottinghamshire area proposed to do was a clear breach of national union rules and their local area's contractual arrangement with the national union.

The alleged breach of contract was deplored by Mr IAN JUDGE, QC, who was appearing for the Nottinghamshire union. He claimed that the arrangements entered into between the two unions and its constituent unions in the 1940s could not be taken to give confidence in a legally enforceable contract.

He also claimed that breaches of the rules by the national union in recent months during the miners' strike entitled the Nottinghamshire area to take the action it was proposing.

Rejecting the NUM's application for an injunction pending a full trial, Mr Justice WARNER said it was not for him to say

whether the points taken by the defence could be established at the trial but they raised triable issues.

Earlier in the hearing, he had ruled that the NUM could argue its case, even though it was in contempt over defiance of court orders which had led to the sequestration of its assets.

Mr JUDGE had argued that the union should not be heard in the injunction application because its contempt was not technical or procedural, but "persistent, deliberate and flagrant".

In coming to court without purging its contempt or offering any apology, it was "picking and choosing" which part of the legal system it was going to obey and "which part it was going to use."

IT COULD LAST YEARS'

Sombre report to TUC

OUR INDUSTRIAL STAFF writes: The pit strike "could go on for ever unless there is a negotiated settlement". Mr Norman Willis, TUC general secretary, said yesterday.

The Government had still not realised, he said, that "tens of thousands" of NUM members, supported by their families, would never go back if the 10-month-old dispute developed into a war of attrition.

Mr Willis insisted he was not scaremongering. "It really could happen."

He was speaking after having given the TUC general council what he described as a "sombre report" to his meeting with Mr Walker, Energy Secretary, last week, when he sought new negotiations between the union and the National Coal Board.

The Nottinghamshire area executive of the NUM voted 10-1 yesterday in favour of a resolution seeking the resignation of Mr Henry Richardson, the area's general secretary, as one of the two representatives on the union's national executive.

WORKING MINER SACKED

By JOHN WILLIAMS

A MINER who helped lead the return to work at Markham Main colliery, near Doncaster, has been sacked by the coal board for taking home a vandalised telephone belonging to the board.

Only three months ago, Mr George Macdonald, 57, a face worker, was hailed a hero for his stand against "bullying, threats and attacks on his home at Wheatear Hall, Doncaster.

But it was disclosed yesterday that a letter had been sent to him by the pit management saying that he had been dismissed for stealing the telephone.

Mr Macdonald said he found it while helping to clear up vandalised pit offices.

Lost everything

He had helped to carry much of the smashed equipment to be burnt on a bonfire, but took the telephone home and spent £5 on repairs.

"I may have been stupid, but I never thought I would get the sack for this," he said yesterday.

Now Mr Macdonald, whose wife, Barbara, has threatened to walk out saying she "can't take any more," claims that he has lost everything.

"My wife says the pressure is just too much for her. This was the final straw," she said, and said she would be leaving before Christmas.

"I looked upon the coal board as my life; then this happened. I have been stupid and everything I suffered has been in vain."

"I should have asked to take the telephone, I expected a severe reprimand or fine from the board, but never the sack."

Mr Macdonald, who has still received death threats, and has had three undertakers sent to his door, is planning to consult a solicitor and to send a direct appeal to Mr Macgregor, the coal board chairman.

McGHEY'S SON FINED £100

Michael McGahey, son of the Scottish miners' president, was yesterday fined £100 after being convicted of three picketing offences in June at a colliery in Fife.

McGahey, of Glashill Terrace, Penicuik, near Edinburgh, denied at Dunfermline Sheriff Court that he struggled with police, forcing them to the main road, or that he forced the lorry to stop at Cottam open cast mine, Locheehill. He said he was caught up in a sudden surge forward by the pickets.

POWER PRICES TO RISE IN SPRING

By Our Business Correspondent

BRITISH Gas yesterday confirmed a 5.1 per cent. rise in tariffs in February as the Government announced new financial targets for the electricity industry which will mean rises of around 4.5 per cent. in power tariffs in April.

The increase in gas tariffs was coupled with a pledge that there would be no further rises next year.

British Gas said that the increase in bills would average out at 4.4 per cent. after taking into account the continued freeze in the quarterly standing charge.

The basic tariff is going up from 35.2p a therm to 37p for credit customers. For households with meters the charge after the special rate for the first 59 therm will be also up by 1.8p to 39.5p.

Mr Walker, Energy Secretary, announced in a Commons written answer that the electricity industry's financial targets could be raised to 2.5-3 per cent. over a two-year period. The industry is also being asked to reduce costs by 6 per cent. over the period.

Union members urged to back political funds

By OUR INDUSTRIAL STAFF

THE TUC launched a campaign yesterday to persuade trade unionists to vote in favour of maintaining union political funds when ballots become compulsory next March.

But in an effort to isolate the issue from party politics they are playing down the importance of the funds to the future financial well-being of the Labour party.

Instead the campaign will emphasise the use of such designated political resources by unions to pursue their own sectoral campaigns. The catch-phrase will be "Say Yes to a Voice."

Total income

Without such funds the Civil Service unions would not be able to carry on their fight to re-establish their rights at GCHQ.

Unions must ballot their members in the 12 months to 1984, 1986 and at least once every 10 years afterwards.

Government funds are available to pay for these ballots but most TUC unions remain loyal to conference policy of not accepting the money. The TUC's Employment Policy and Organisation Committee is to reassess this policy in January.

Ruling on killer

outrageous

By IAN BALL in New York

A SENIOR United States Justice Department official yesterday denounced as "outrageous" the refusal last week by a federal judge in New York to extradite an IRA fugitive convicted of murdering a British Army captain in 1980.

Mr Stephen Trost, head of the Justice Department's Criminal Division, said that the Anglo-American and other extradition treaties should be changed to preclude such rulings. It was clear that he was expressing the current thinking of the Reagan Administration.

"I think it's outrageous that terrorists can run across a border and repeat the whole penal code of a country—and we're part of the problem," said Mr Trost.

The IRA fugitive involved, Joseph Patrick Thomas Doherty, was convicted in absentia by Belfast court in January 1981 of the murder of Capt. Herbert Richard Westmacott of the SAS. Doherty had escaped two days earlier from a Belfast prison and with help from an IRA, had made his way to the United States on bogus documents.

Since his arrest in New York in June last year, Britain has been seeking Doherty's extradition to serve a life sentence. But in the federal district court in Manhattan last week, Judge John Siriszi ruled that Doherty could not be handed over to Britain because his offence was "political."

The Government accepts that the capital receipts from the sale of council houses and other property belong to the local councils. Since 1979, when Lloyd George launched the housing programme of "Homes Fit for Heroes," the councils have financed their capital spending by borrowing.

RIVER SEARCHED

Hunt for Maze escapee

Police from the Royal Ulster Constabulary searched the Bannagh river, on the Co. Fermanagh border, yesterday. In the body of Kieran Gerard Fleming, a member of the Provisional IRA on the run from

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COUNCIL JOBS GO

A Tora council is to cut on maintenance jobs. Rochester City Council, Kent, say redundancies are necessary because of a fall in work on council houses.

RAF jet trainer replacements still fail specifications

By Maj.-Gen. Edward Furdon Defence Correspondent

NONE of the four contending aircraft to replace the Jet Provost as the RAF's new jet trainer actually meet the RAF's specification in every detail, a Defence Ministry spokesman said yesterday.

aircraft incorporated a number of British components.

The Firecracker and Wamira tenders had been considerably more expensive however, he continued, an the PC-9, to be built by British Aerospace, and the Tucano, which Short's of Belfast would manufacture—would require only minimal changes to meet them.

The contract at stake is worth £200 million.

Mr Adam Butler, Defence Procurement Minister, told the Commons on Tuesday that the British contender, the Hunting Firecracker, and the Australian L-29 Wamira, with which Westlands were associated, had both been rejected as a result of technical and financial evaluation.

But he emphasised that the option of refurbishing the RAF's existing Jet Provost fleet was still a viable one which had its attractions to meet the RAF's requirements—not least that of cost.

Spring decision

But Hunting, who make the Firecracker, said yesterday very emphatically that "this is certainly not the end of the road as far as we are concerned. We are absolutely mystified as to why we have been written off."

Tenders for the four aircraft were received on Oct. 1 this year, and as a result of evaluation the Central Defence Committee made its recommendations to the Minister in early December.

On Tuesday Mr Butler announced that, in order to clarify and amplify certain aspects of their tenders, he was now asking British Aerospace and Shorts to submit their final best tenders for their two aircraft.

The decision as to which the Firecracker will eventually get to fulfil its requirement of 250 aircraft (plus an option on 15 more) and to come into service by 1990, is now not expected until early Spring.

The prime consideration reflected in the Minister's decision, the spokesman said, is to obtain a cost-effective aircraft which meets the RAF's needs. The broader economic, employment and sales potential aspects of the four aircraft were also key criteria which had been carefully examined.

In fact all the four contestants

Euro-fighter doomed, Jane's forecasts

By Air Cdr. G. S. COOPER Air Correspondent

THE European fighter aircraft, due to fly in 1990, is widely expected to be abandoned long before then in the face of five nation failure to compromise.

This year, councils housing associations and new towns are expected to start work on just under 30,000 new homes, many of them for the old and disabled.

Speculative house builders expect to start work on about 155,000. But the total figure is still far short of the total of 250,000 to 290,000 new homes a year which past studies have decided is required to meet the growth in population and the increase in small families.

United front

The Conservative-controlled Association of District Councils, the Labour Association of Metropolitan Authorities and the Building Employers' Confederation are united in fighting the Government on the issue.

The confederation estimated yesterday that the £1,000 million could have financed 480,000 improvement grants or 75,000 new public sector homes. Either option would create 225,000 new jobs in the building industry.

The Government is working on the following figures: Councils would be likely to spend, with the aid of accumulated capital receipts, £5,000 million next year without the corrective action. They are now likely to spend just over £4,000 million in line with the target figure.

Of the total capital spending on housing is expected to total £3,655 million next year.

Local councils will get £2,324 million, housing associations £685 million, new towns £43 million and home loans will account for £3 million.

But local authorities complain that the make-up of the figures means that they will be forced to use accumulated capital receipts to fund their building programme—and many do not have the money available.

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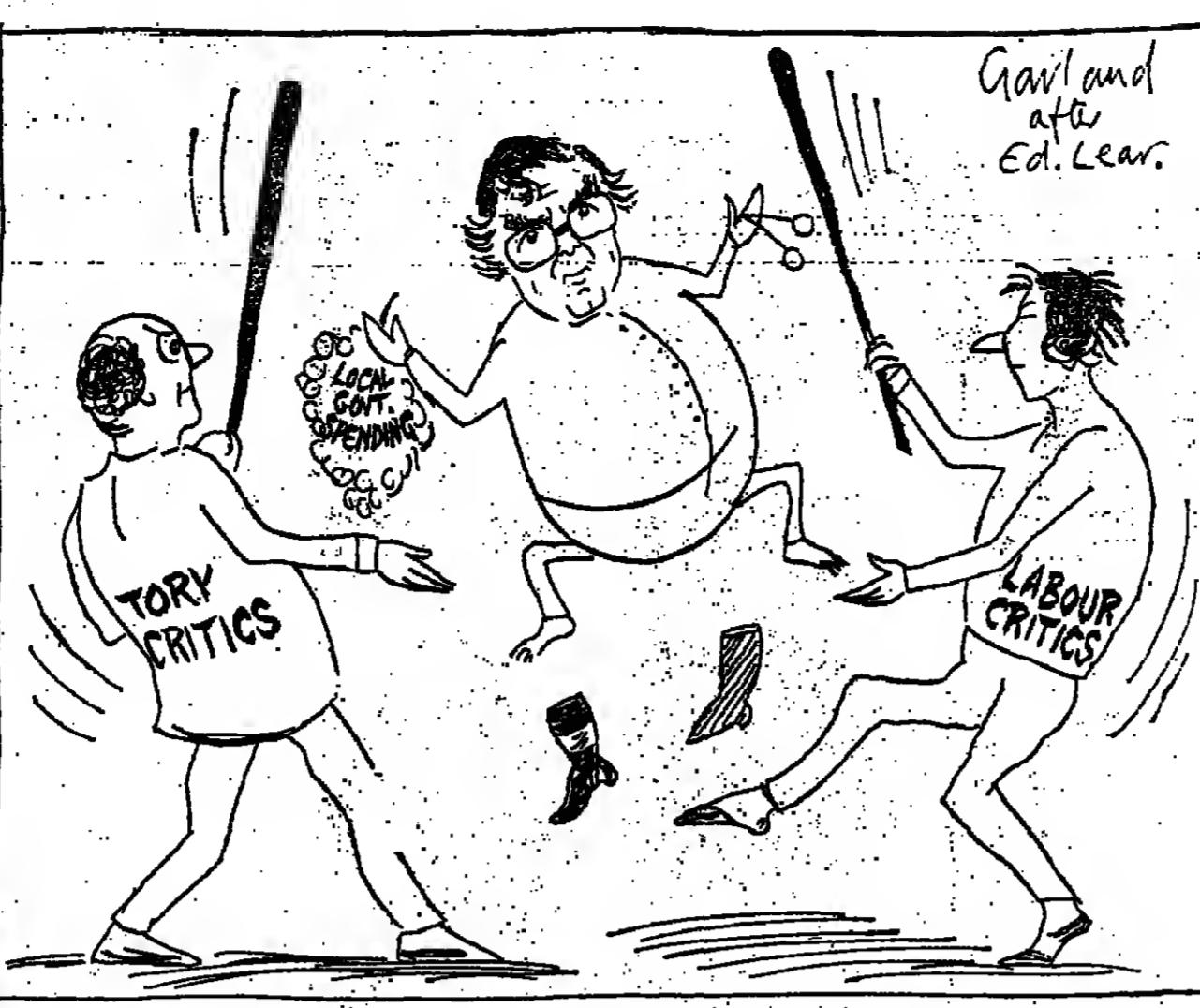
Particular worry

Of particular concern is the increase in numbers and potential of Warsaw Pact combat helicopters. The existence is revealed by Jane's of the world's first true air-in-air combat helicopter, with the NATO reporting name "Hekum."

The part of the game is clear from the original fighter system, a hallmark of Kamov helicopters. The United States is updat-

SHORTEST WEEK

More than 200 production workers at the H P Baked Beans factory at North Walsham, Norfolk, are to be put on a three-day week in January because of high stock levels.



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'She never took drugs' says Lord Gormanston

HEROIN DEATH MYSTERY OF PEER'S WIFE

By A. J. McILROY

A MIXTURE of heroin and cocaine killed Viscountess Gormanston, 29, wife of Ireland's premier viscount, a pathologist told a Westminster inquest yesterday. But how, when and where she took the drugs remains a mystery.

She was found dead by a police patrol in the back of a car in a Belgravian mews after she and her husband had been celebrating his 45th birthday by going to two late-night parties.

"My wife never took drugs," Lord Gormanston, said in evidence.

But the pathologist, Dr JAIN WEST said her body contained 0.64 milligrams of morphine per litre of blood, as well as cocaine. "Morphine is produced when heroin is broken down in the body."

Lord Gormanston, a Conservative peer, sat impassively, arms folded, as the coroner, Dr PAUL KNAPPEN, recorded a verdict that Lady Gormanston, Riedean-educated and a mother of two, "died from non-dependent abuse of drugs."

The coroner described the case as "a melancholy illustration" of what could happen following an evening at a party, and said: "The Lord Chief Justice himself has recently drawn attention to the dangers concerned and what heroin and morphine can do."

He said that after listening to all the evidence "one thing is conspicuous in its absence—and that is how she came by the heroin and cocaine."

At the end of the 95-minute inquest Lord Gormanston was driven away by Mr Alexander Butler, 27, the company director who had hosted the first party on the night of the death, Nov. 17.

Vodka for him, whisky for her

Lord Gormanston said in evidence that he and his wife, Eva, left their home in Dalmeny House, Thurloe Place, South Kensington, at 10 p.m. for Mr Butler's party in Notting Hill. He drank vodka at the party and "thought his wife had whisky."

Asked if anyone had taken drugs at that party, he replied: "No."

They left his wife remarking that she had been sick twice, but she seemed perfectly in control of herself.

The coroner asked him if there might be any heroin or cocaine at his home. "I should think it very unlikely," said Lord Gormanston. He had never known his wife take heroin.

'Lack of liaison' over fatal hotel gas blast

LACK of liaison at Scottish Gas contributed to a hotel blast which killed six people, Sheriff Principal STEWART BELL said yesterday.

In his findings, published after a week-long fatal accident inquiry earlier this year, he said that a meter governor should have been fitted to the hotel's gas supply.

He added: "Lack of liaison led to a significant delay in taking positive action to fit a meter governor. I have found that it is a meter governor or governors had been fitted, the explosion would probably have been prevented."

The confusion, concerning the Royal Duxford Hotel in Culls, Aberdeen, was between the distribution and service departments.

A meter governor, which

helps to control pressure, was to be fitted at the 67-bedroom hotel around the time of the explosion and one was delivered a nine day of the blast by a Dundee Scottish Gas team who came to help.

The findings said that it was not clear that the explosion in October last year was triggered off by the fracturing of an impulse pipe half a mile away where Scottish Gas workers were carrying out underground repairs.

This released medium pressure gas into the hotel's low pressure system which burst the hotel meters and ignited.

Sheriff Bell said that the workers should have been supervised by someone who knew how to deal with such a situation, a basic precaution which might also have prevented the blast.

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Allies could have a share in project, says Weinberger

E SPACE DEFENCE P 'COULD PROTECT U WEST EUROPE'

By DAVID SHEARS in Washington

MR. CASPAR WEINBERGER, America's Defence Secretary claimed yesterday that the proposed American system of space defences against incoming missiles would be just as effective in protecting Western Europe as in shielding North America from attack.

The system might "secure earlier success against medium-range missiles," such as the Soviet SS-20s now targeted on Europe, he told foreign correspondents.

Mr Weinberger delivered a ringing endorsement of the so-called Strategic Defense Initiative and denied that either Mrs Thatcher or Chancellor Kohl of West Germany opposed it.

He conceded that President Mitterrand of France had made "some statements that sound

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usions, hard bargaining," he said.

We hope this meeting will set in motion a plan for progress towards our goals of establishing a stable Strategic relationship with the Soviets and reducing the risks of war," he added.

Mr Shultz would go to Geneva "with an open mind and an ability to sit down and have discussions with the Soviets that we hope would lead to some framework for arms control talks."

In trying to halt American development of space weaponry Moscow may be hoping to repeat its success in blocking the stockpile of neutron weapons in Western Europe.

President Carter originally proposed to deploy such "enhanced radiation" weapons in Europe but dropped the plan in face of popular protest in West Germany and elsewhere — a storm eagerly encouraged from Moscow.

Although official Pentagon confirmation was lacking yesterday, it is an open secret that America has been building artillery shells with neutron warheads for years. But Mr Carter promised that they would not be stockpiled in Europe.

Presumably Russia has the same capacity, but Defence Department officials could not say yesterday whether the Soviet Union was producing neutron weapons.

"That is an intelligence matter we cannot discuss," a Pentagon spokesman said.

European allies could be given a share in the project, he said.

"We need all the help we can get on this. This is a massive task and there are a great many European, Japanese and other technologies that we use every day and I have very high hopes that there will be a strong worldwide movement to work together on this technology and development programme."

Mr Weinberger said it was quite wrong for critics to argue that pursuit of the SDI would "decouple" America from Europe.

Geneva meeting

He disputed the charge that the American project violated the 1972 American-Russian anti-ballistic missile treaty. He counter-charged that a new Soviet radar system was "almost certainly in violation" of the treaty.

In an apparent indirect swipe at Mr Gorbachev's call for a moratorium on American space-weapon testing, he said that the process of reducing nuclear arms would not be aided by "partisan or uninformed rhetoric aimed at forcing unilateral restraint upon the United States."

Earlier yesterday the White House responded to Russian demands for American moves to check the arms race by promising that the United States would be flexible in next month's Geneva superpower meeting.

Evidently anxious to blunt the impact of Mr Gorbachev's conciliatory statements in London, Mr Larry Speakes, the White House spokesman, said America was "encouraged that the Soviets are willing to enter a dialogue."

Mr Gorbachev's remarks on the need to head on to arms race in space and reduce nuclear weapons have attracted wide attention in the American press.

Mr Speakes, replied to Mr Gorbachev by reading a prepared statement that avoided specifics.

Washington expected the Jan. 7-8 meeting between Mr Shultz, the secretary of State, and Mr Gromyko, his Russian counterpart, to involve "intense dis-

'Star Wars' ridicule for Reagan

By ADRIAN BERRY
Science Correspondent

DEFENDERS of President Reagan's plan to put defensive weapons in space are becoming increasingly dismayed by what they regard as the pejorative description "Star Wars."

They believe that the phrase "Star Wars" was deliberately coined to throw ridicule on the project by suggesting that Mr Reagan was proposing to do things that are wildly extravagant, physically impossible, or both.

The reason for this suspicion lies in the actual contents of the popular 1977 science fiction film "Star Wars," which depicted a rebellion against a galactic empire headed by the evil magician Darth Vader.

Vader, in order to terrify his enemies, used a single beam fired from space, to cause an earth-sized planet to explode into fragments.

Physically impossible

Every scientist who has seen the film and whom I have interviewed agreed that this feat was physically impossible, since no conceivable sort of beam could have such a destructive effect.

The film also showed space warships, filled with soldiers, blazing away at each other with similarly destructive beams and robbing about the galaxy much faster than the speed of light, in violation of Einstein's theory of relativity.

"I believe the title 'Star Wars' was applied to the President's plan to give the false impression that he thought the United States could do these crazy things," a supporter of the plan said yesterday.

"In reality all that is proposed is that unmanned satellites in earth orbit may be able to disable some 80 per cent of Soviet missiles before they could reach their targets which would deter the Russians from attacking."

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Genève agenda

He emphasised that the three types of weapon — Space Defence Initiative, long range and medium-range missiles — he included in the same package. All had to be considered at the same time.

Mr Shultz, America's Secretary of State, and Mr Gromyko, the Soviet Foreign Minister, are due to discuss the shape of the forum and the agenda for the talks at a meeting in Geneva on Jan. 7-8. The Americans want the full negotiations to start before the end of the month.

Mr Gorbachev's clarifications, which seem to wipe the slate clean so far as some earlier Soviet statements are concerned, mean that the main argument will centre on the

national security grounds which have been cited in the past when the authorities have made requests for Press self-censorship, including during the Vietnam War and at the time of the Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba.

Lawyers said yesterday that the Government could bring charges under the Espionage Act against news organisations or individuals who ignored the requests.

U.S. CARRIERS 'SCRAMBLE' SOVIET PLANES

By Our Washington Staff

Two American aircraft carrier battle groups carrying out exercises in key Soviet Naval air bases around Vladivostok have touched off some of the most vigorous ever Soviet reaction to American military movements.

The Pentagon disclosed yesterday that the Soviet Air Force conducted more than 100 flights over the Sea of Japan when the carriers Vincent and Midway were operating in the area earlier this month.

The American operations conducted in international waters were fairly close to the headquarters of the Soviet Far Eastern Fleet and the central point of a complex of Naval and air bases. The region is not far from where Soviet fighters shot down a Korean airlines passenger plane last year.

Officials had said previously that a few early warning satellites would not be launched for some years and a communica-



The Kremlin's No. 2 meets Labour's No. 1 — Mr Gorbachev with Mr Kinnock outside the Commissariat yesterday.

Gorbachev opens door to arms control talks

By DAVID ADAMSON Diplomatic Correspondent

IN separate talks yesterday with the Labour and Alliance leaders, Mr. Mikhail Gorbachev made it clear that the Soviet Union has no preconditions that could prevent the opening of arms control talks with the United States early next year.

His remarks had the effect of crossing from the list of possible major obstacles to the planned American anti-satellite weapons tests in March and the development of space weaponry.

The crucial issue for the Russians so far as the mechanism of the negotiations is concerned is the relationship between space defence and strategic medium-range nuclear missiles. They link progress towards a treaty banning the own defensive space weapons planned by the Americans to reductions in offensive missiles.

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WREATH FOR MARY

Visit to cemetery

Members of the Soviet delegation visiting Britain yesterday laid a wreath at Karl Marx's tomb, but Mr Gorbachev was not among them.

He had been expected to arrive at Highgate Cemetery to lay a wreath, but instead Mr Zamatin, chief spokesman of the Soviet Central Committee, was the main dignitary.

He explained afterwards: "Mr Gorbachev was not here because it was not in his schedule to come. It was only the delegation which was supposed to be represented."

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Lands returned

The Maralinga lands, about 30,000 square miles in the north-west of South Australia, have been returned to the Aboriginals, who were moved from Maralinga in the 1950s because of British atom-bomb tests.

At the same time the Commerce Department corrected its earlier figure of inflation-adjusted growth in the third quarter from 1.9 to 1.6 per cent.

Taking the year overall, America's economic expansion should average out at 6.7 per cent, the highest annual growth since 1955, the report said.

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UNESCO DECISION

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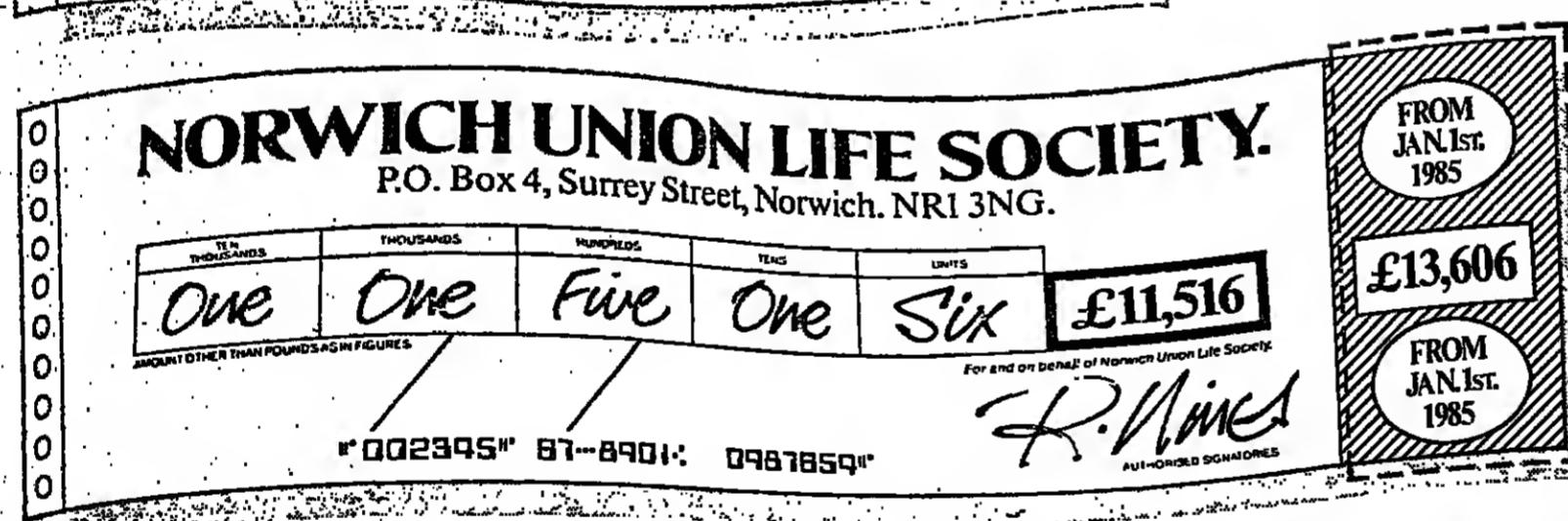
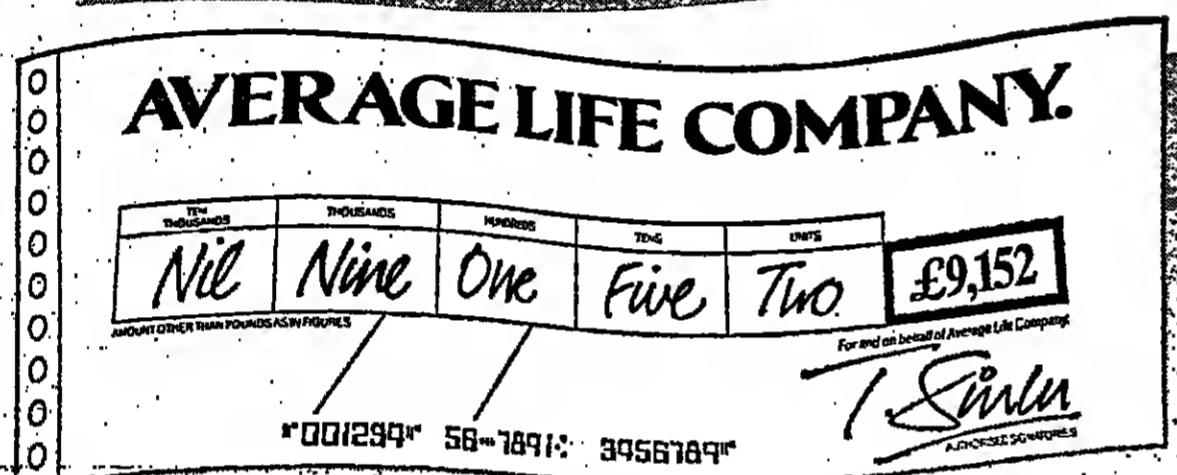
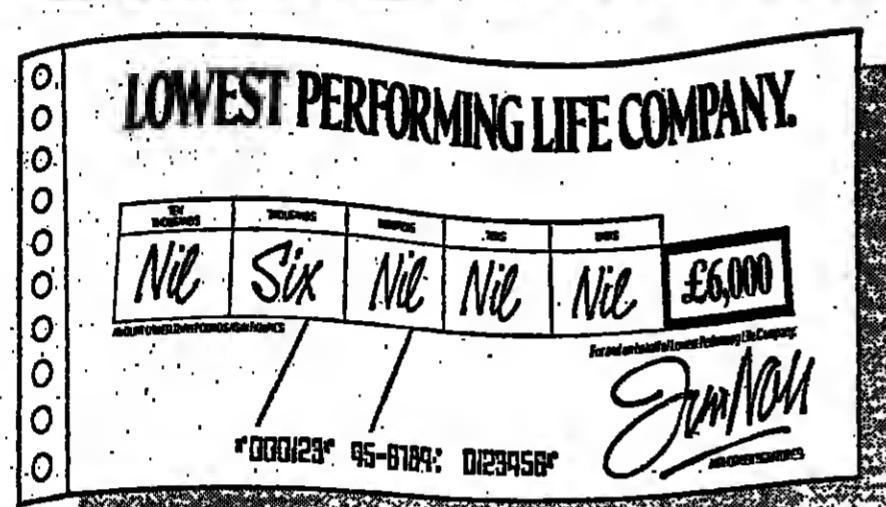
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Why choose the average, when Norwich Union pays out so much more?

The difference in payouts from various Insurance Companies is enormous. A survey in May* showed that a man of 29 who paid £10 per month to a with-profit endowment insurance for 25 years (£3,000) would have received from the lowest performing company a payout of £6,000; from an average company £9,152 and from Norwich Union £11,516. But on 1 January 1985 Norwich Union will pay out £13,606. A staggering difference from other companies.

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FOR PENSIONS TOO

Similar differences apply to with-profit pension policies*. A self-employed man retiring at

age 65 who has paid 16 premiums of £500 per annum (£8,000) would have available to buy a pension a payout of £13,815 from the lowest performing company, from an average company £21,055 but from Norwich Union £22,861. On 1 January 1985 Norwich Union's payout will be increased to £30,106. Another staggering difference from other companies.

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And as your financial adviser will tell you, Norwich Union have delivered what they've promised. Often more. Over and over again.

THE POLICYHOLDER COMES FIRST

Norwich Union is a mutual company. This means it has no shareholders to take a slice of the profits. All our profits belong to you - the with-profit policyholders. You invest in us, and we work to build up the substantial benefits you deserve.

We believe there's only one answer to the question: "Which Insurance Company should I choose?" Talk to your financial adviser. We're sure he'll agree you're better off the Norwich Way.



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Yesterday in Parliament

JENKIN BACKED OVER NEW COUNCIL CURB

By WILLIAM WEEKES and PETER PRYKE

MR JENKIN, Environment Secretary, took another drubbing from Conservative backbenchers in the Commons yesterday over his freeze on a large block of local authority assets which derived from the sale of council houses.

Although the onslaught lacked much of the ferocity which greeted his announcement on Tuesday, Mr Jenkin was strongly criticised from both sides of the House in an emergency debate sought by Dr John Cunningham, the Opposition spokesman on the environment.

The Speaker, Mr Weatherill, had frequently to call for order as Mr Jenkin defended his proposals as necessary to avoid the risk of a large overspend in local government next year.

But his Conservative critics appeared unimpressed when the Environment Secretary maintained that these receipts, if not spent, would reduce the claim on the public sector borrowing target and help to keep the Government's economic strategy on course.

Motorway madness

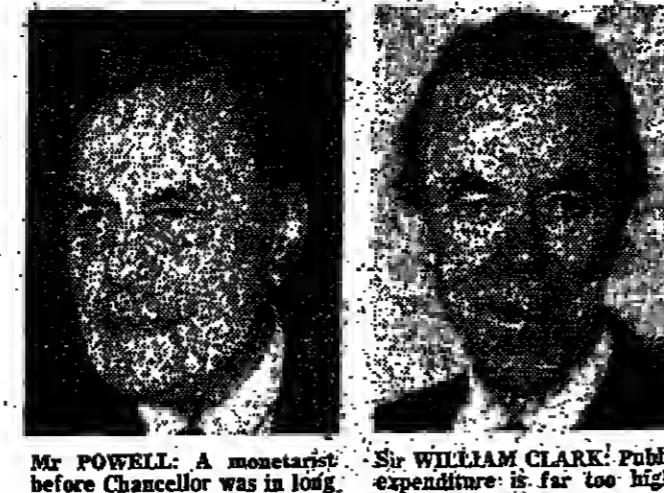
Mr GEOFFREY RIPPON, the former Conservative Environment Secretary, said many Conservatives were worried by the growing divergence between central and local government which for generations had worked together in partnership.

Announcing his intention to abstain at the end of the debate, Mr Rippon said Mr Jenkin's statement was totally incomprehensible at a time when there was money in the hands of local authorities.

"We have the money we have the men; we have the materials — that is a more rational concept of economics than the motorway madness of MI, M2 and M3 statistics."

At the end of the debate the Government had a majority of 100 and a formal motion to adjourn the House. Voting was 325 to 223.

Dr CUNNINGHAM said the debate would give the Commons a chance to vote on Mr Jenkin's



MR POWELL: A monetarist before Chancellor was in long trousers.

could overspend because it had to balance its budget.

"Insofar as overspend exists at all in the minds of the Treasury, it is simply an attempt to match the real world of local authority services and provision for the needs of people and the infrastructure in the increasingly unreal world of Treasury economics and accounting."

"We have yet to hear from the Environment Secretary or the Chancellor any convincing argument on the grounds of macroeconomic policy why capital expenditure by local authorities — financed wholly from their own capital receipts — should be controlled in this increasingly draconian, arbitrary and unfair fashion."

If it was right for Mr Lawson, then a Treasury Minister, to say in 1981 that there was no control over local government capital expenditure of their own capital receipts, "why is it right now for him as Chancellor to argue that there should be an increasing turn of the screw?"

There was a real crisis in housing and the situation was deteriorating rapidly. That crisis affected homeowners and tenants in both the public and private sectors.

The total cut in the money available to local authorities was well in excess of £600 million — a cut in real terms of about 20 per cent.

"That is what the Environment Secretary was telling the House yesterday and why he should not have been surprised about his reception.

The Government had tried to work a co- trick in saying that for housing the gross provision was being maintained. "That is simply not the case."

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Captivated by the Tower

WHEN I finally came to rest, so to speak, after a number of years going from one Service posting to another in the wake of my R.A.F. husband, I could hardly believe my surroundings.

It is well known that an Englishman's home is his castle, but this was ridiculous: for here I was, in one.

Battlements, bugles and Beefeaters, they were everywhere. No, yeoman warders (as is their correct title) do not sound bugles, but the army guard does and it delights my ear. I use the present tense because a sojourn of eight years in Her Majesty's Tower of London—as the wife of a yeoman warder, enters the very soul and remains there, making it difficult to place the experience in the past.

But, in as many weeks as it takes to fly home for an interview with the resident governor, he is vetted and finally accepted by the constable of the Tower, we were there, snugly ensconced just before Christmas in the casemates.

These latter are not to be confused with casements, which are windows, and the Tower casements distinctly suffer from a paucity of these. The casemates are situated within the thickness of the outer banium wall of the fortress, overlooking the moat, and rare is the window that you will esp as you approach the Tower.

A casemate is a room within a fortified building and arrowslits abound. Quite quickly I discovered that the arrowslits in my bathroom was an excellent place to keep beer and milk until my refrigerator came out of store.

As the days went by, the Tower of London took hold of me with a clutch that I am sure will never be loosened. Thirty-eight yeoman warders, almost as many wives, a sprinkling of children, a multitude of dogs and cats, the odd volatile parrot—and I had a family around me of which to be more than proud.

Over this family, as is a squire to a village, we

have the resident governor as well as the padre and a medical officer. The governor and the padre are self-explanatory, as is the doctor's presence, as a resident, is perhaps a little surprising to nut-siders.

Every night for past hundreds of years the Tower has been, and is, ceremoniously locked. All who wish to go must be out of the Tower by the stroke of midnight. All residents who wish to enter (and on foot only) must do so by 3 a.m. from this century.

But, for me, perhaps the most remarkable visitor was an astronaut. We walked together towards Traitors Gate. It was near 10 o'clock when the Ceremony of the Keys would lock this ancient pile against the outside world.

The moon hung above us, and I remarked to my companion that I could scarce believe he had walked upon it and returned to earth to be beside me at that moment.

His reply was an earnest look and the revelation that his boyhood wish had been to visit the Tower, and now to find himself a temporary part of its tradition was a total honour.

BY SHELagh ABBOTT

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EATING IN

A MENU TO ENHANCE THAT NEW YEAR MAGIC

THE MENU

Apicus Eggs
Toast Melba
Bass Duglere
Emincés de Chevreuil
ou boeuf
Salade Port Royale
Soufflés des Aubergines
Pommes Dauphines
Boûte de Neige
Crunchies

THE RECIPES

APICUS EGGS

INGREDIENTS: 10 large flat mushrooms; 2 crushed garlic cloves (optional); 7fl oz oil; 20 unshelled prawns; 7fl oz thick white sauce; 5fl oz water; 2fl oz dry white cooking wine; 2 separated egg yolks; 2 tablespoons thick cream; 10 No. 2 eggs.

METHOD: Shell the prawns completely and put shells and heads in a small pan with wine and water. Raise to boiling and simmer for 7 min. Meanwhile, add crushed garlic to given oil, and dev-stalk mushrooms, then draw the hollow cups through the oil and grill for 2 to 3 min on each side, and keep warm. Cool shell mixture, strain and heat in egg yolks then cream. Keep warm in a double saucepan over hot water. At moment of service, poach an egg, slice, slide into mushroom, mark with the made thick white sauce and arrange in a ring on a heated dish. Fold the shelled prawns into the warm prawn sauce. Sprinkle over the eggs and optimally garnish with watercress. Hand-really hot. Toast Melba separately.

METHOD: Toast plenty of thin slices from a cut sandwich loaf. Remove all crusts. Werk a very sharp knife, halve each toasted slice centrally, then exposing the un-toasted middle. Toast these end that is. Toast Melba.

SOUFFLES

DES AUBERGINES

INGREDIENTS: 5 small to medium aubergines, salt and pepper; 1lb flour; 1lb butter; 6 separated No. 3 egg whites; 2 egg yolks; 2 pint milk; 2oz grated Parmesan; 1oz grated Gruyère, or Emmenthal.

METHOD: Remove the stem ends then halve the aubergines lengthwise. Score the flesh deeply with a small, sharp knife, sprinkle thickly with salt and leave until flesh turns light brown and, salt draws out the slight bitterness in small brown bubbles. Wipe these off. Place cut-side downwards in a steamer and steam under a lid until sufficiently tender to scoop out flesh and mash finely. Make the soufflé mixture, beginning with a roux of flour and butter, then diluted gradually with milk and aubergine purée after. Add salt and pepper to taste and work in the Gruyère or Emmenthal cheese. Beat in egg yolks of the last, add slightly-whipped egg whites. Pack into the hollowed out aubergine skins, then turn up, sprinkle with the Parmesan and bake for 30 min in a pre-heated oven at 425°F (Gas 7) one shelf above centre.

BASS DUGLERE

INGREDIENTS: Two 1lb bass, cleaned but not scaled; 1 leek; 1 shallot; 1 finely-chopped onion; 4 de-peeled and peeled tomatoes, chopped; small 1 rounded tablespoon coarsely-chopped fresh parsley heads; 4-in sprig of thyme; 1 small bay leaf; 1 small peeled,

riog with prawns in the centre.

The bass is scored slantwise, poached in a simple court bouillon, dished up on a base of sauce duglere and bordered by a macedoine of diced winter vegetables turned in melted butter.

The Apicus Eggs are poached last of all. The mushrooms are first grilled with an optional touch of garlic, coated with sauce and set to a

sliced thinly, laid in a bordelaise sauce and just heated through. It is ruined if cooked for longer.

The Boûte de Neige consists of any chosen ice creams layered and half filled into two ordinary pudding basins, then thawed, clapped together, wrapped in light sponge and piped with whipped cream all over.

The Emincés de Chevreuil ou Boeuf are merely the remains of a very underdone roast of either venison or beef.

INGREDIENTS FOR FATLESS SPONGE: 2½oz sifted self-raising flour; 4oz castor sugar; 3 No. 3 eggs.

METHOD: Cover a heat-resistant plate with foil, tip on sugar and bake at 425°F (Gas 7) one shelf above centre for 6 min. Meanwhile break eggs into an electric mixer bowl. Tip on hot sugar and whip at full speed until mixture rises in a golden foam. Switch off, fold in flour and spread evenly over a 14 x 10 x 2in deep baking tin lined with oiled greaseproof paper. Bake for 7 min at same temperature and position. If making in advance, just cool in tin then freeze, to thaw when serving.

CRUNCHIES

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ACT OF FAITH

THE HONGKONG TREATY signed between Mrs THATCHER and Chairman TENG HSIAO-PING in Peking yesterday is one of the great acts of faith of modern diplomacy. There is no knowing, in London, Hongkong or Peking, whether it will in the fullness of time be honoured. Of the sincerity of China's present intentions there need be little doubt. It is the highest interest of TENG and his likely successors, HU YAO-BANG and ZHAO ZIYANG, to maintain the capitalist prosperity of Hongkong. The colony is the conduit of £8 billion precious foreign currency into China—the *stare qua non* of that country's rapid modernisation, of her rising consumer wealth and of her defences. Hongkong's freedom and stability are also the minimum price of a Chinese reunion with Taiwan. What the West fears, and what Hongkong is rightly nervous of, is the prospect of new Chinese leaders to whom such national interests are of secondary concern to ideology. TENG has retired many aging officials who have hung on from the Cultural Revolution. He has purged the army's senior ranks, and enjoys fervent support from the present party congress. But the re-emergence of Orthodox Maoism, born of resentment in China's poor West and North at the wealth of the coastal East, is clearly possible. What attitude would then be taken to "two systems within one country" is unclear. Maoists are not proven in their respect for "binding agreements" "enforceable at law."

Hongkong, populated largely by refugees from Communism since 1949, is at present quiet, but justly uneasy. She can expect returning prosperity until 1988 when the liaison committee begins work and may make a lame duck of the British administration. That is when the period of real nerves will begin. To forestall it, Mrs THATCHER must seek one major advance. The present plan is to incorporate the agreement into Hongkong's Basic Law and China's constitution in the early 1990s. But that is far too late. It should be made an urgent priority for the next two years.

MANNERS, MANNERS

FOR MRS THATCHER'S business managers the brief Christmas Parliamentary break that starts tomorrow cannot come an hour too soon. The expectation which this newspaper—among others—expressed that the Government's surrender over student grants might cool the ardour for rebellion has been rudely dashed. After a week in which one Cabinet Minister has run the public gauntlet of abuse from massed ranks behind him, while another has had his Bill driven to the buffers by rebellion in committee, a pause for reflection and regrouping is urgently required.

Not only, though, by Ministers. The backbenchers too require to reflect on what they are about. There is nothing unhealthy about debate and dissension with regard to public policy in the Tory party ranks. Indeed, with an Opposition so discredited and dispirited as the present one, there is a positive duty upon the Government benches to subject Ministerial initiatives to due scrutiny. But whereas the Labour party has always revelled in personal vendettas, and done itself much damage in the process, the Tory party has traditionally eschewed the argument *ad hominem*, and wisely so. No longer. Two very senior Privy Councillors, Mr HEATH and Mr RIPPON, have in recent days descended to a tone of vilification of their former colleagues which has increasingly been followed by the lesser malcontents around them.

The Tory party has also wisely eschewed recourse to heavy-handed discipline. The decision to deprive Lord ALPORT, trailing 20 years of grievance for imagined slighting, of the Tory whip in the Upper House is not an example to be followed. Mr HEATH's bitterness at those he thinks betrayed him is at least well understood. The diatribes of Mr RIPPON, who voluntarily preferred to seek more lush rewards outside the public service, and only turned again to Westminster as the finest prizes in the world outside eluded him, are less readily excused. They, and others like them, are answerable to those who chose them for their choice of language, as are all MPs. But their colleagues should remind themselves that principled dissent is one thing, and character assassination of their current leaders quite another. Not only is it no way to advance their own careers: much more fundamentally it is no way to advance the cause for which they were all elected.

HISTORY AND HUMAN RIGHTS

TWENTY-EIGHT YEARS AGO Mr NIKITA KHRUSHCHEV, the then Soviet leader, came to London at the head of a Soviet delegation in what was his first excursion into an enemy headquarters and he was very much on the defensive. At a Commons dinner in his honour given by the Labour party he was dealt a terrible shock of the sort unlikely to occur today. His hosts produced a list of 200 social democrats held in prison in the Soviet bloc and asked him for his personal intervention. KHRUSHCHEV, who had intrigued and murdered his way to power, was outraged because he had never been spoken to before in such a manner. A great deal has changed in East-West relations since 1956. Although a senior member of the ruling Soviet Politburo, Mr MIKHAIL GORBACHEV is "no KHRUSHCHEV" and is never likely to be. Mr NORMAN ST JOHN-STEVES who ever so politely dared to ask about religious freedom in the Soviet Union at the Commons meeting on Tuesday is certainly no GEORGE BROWN.

What has not changed is Soviet man's reaction to any questions suggesting that perhaps the Soviet Union's human rights performance, and its compliance with the 1975 Helsinki Agreement, is seriously flawed and gives cause for concern. KHRUSHCHEV lost his temper, refused flatly to discuss the issue further, and even afterwards said that if he lived in Britain he would be a Conservative. Mr GORBACHEV the other day told the M.P.s to mind their own business and immediately counter-attacked, insisting that Britain oppressed whole communities and nationalities—it would have been interesting to know precisely who he had in mind—and, of course there was that matter of our 2,300,000 (sic) unemployed. There were no further questions.

Sir GEOFFREY HOWE has presented Mr GORBACHEV with four cases exemplifying the problems of human rights activists in the Soviet Union, and rightly the plight of Dr ANDREI SAKHAROV, the Nobel prize-winner who has been so disgracefully treated for so long, was high on the list. But Mr GORBACHEV has been let off lightly, and it would be wrong to think he knows it. It is right to do business with the Soviet Union in as many areas as possible, and right also to remind the Soviet leadership as often and as forcibly as possible that its record on human rights just isn't good enough.

The unspeakable in allegiance with the uneatable

THE militancy of animal liberationists arouses concern and surprise. Concern is justified, for many of their actions are irrational, ignorant, dangerous, and, ironically, extremely cruel to the creatures they claim to be helping. Surprise, however, is misplaced, for their activities confirm the vast gap between town and country—between those who live and work with animals and those who only come into contact with cosseted pets.

I abhor cruelty, and have done so since I was a small boy. I do not hunt, shoot, or fish, preferring to watch wildlife through binoculars, and I only eat meat two or three times a week; my favourite is peasant, which I regard as part of the natural harvest. My attitudes have grown from life on a small farm and the values demonstrated by my parents. From a very early age they taught me to respect life; the cattle and hens on the farm were not just regarded as milk and egg producing units, but creatures that required every care and consideration.

Beyond them, too, the wildlife of the farm also demanded respect, for the hedgerows, trees and meadows were part of the parish before we were. Pets were also encouraged and we had a succession of waifs and strays, from cats and dogs to Jackdaws.

With farming fashions changed, we did not follow several of our neighbours for we kept most of our hedges. We briefly put the hens in batteries but considered this to be an unpleasant system and soon restored the hens to their deep-litter sheds, where they remain today. In fine weather we open the doors so they become "free-range." We have to shut them up every evening because of the foxes. If we get fox breaks in, we kill those foxes responsible, usually about once a year.

WITH free-range hens, some farmers consider us to be backward. This condition is made worse by the fact that we still have grass meadows and a house cow that breaths fresh air and gets bitten by horse flies.

We are realists, however.

Our choice of egg production methods is a personal one, for whether batteries are actually "cruel" is debatable. Hens are not the most intelligent of creatures and this year we have had several cases of cannibalism, as well as one hen that actually started to eat itself.

Genetic hens are not given walking frames, but killed for the table.

Our farming is an attempt to combine kindness, commonsense and sympathy for the land and livestock with good farmland.

My brother rough shoots, so rabbits and pigeon pie join roast pheasant on the menu. The occasional hare is not shot, because of the recent decline in numbers.

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Consequently we "manage" both the farm and wildlife, for "management" is also a vital part of conservation. This includes giving help to species under threat—on our farm hedgerows, flowers and frogs—and control when numbers get too high—rats, rabbits and sometimes ducks.

It also seems quite reasonable that some animals should be used to help advances in medical and veterinary science, both to combat diseases and to improve food production at home and abroad. My attitude comes from my Christian background. I believe that man takes priority over the animal kingdom, so it is morally acceptable to me for animals to be used for food and in research.

Similarly many non-Christians would argue that as man is the highest intelligence, so the humane

Hooligans who release predators in the name of animal liberation don't realise the cruelty they are inflicting, argues

ROBIN PAGE

exploitation of other forms of life is acceptable, if it benefits man. This runs counter to the current vogue of "speciesism"—a trendy word used by many of those in the animal liberation and anti-hunting lobbies who claim that all species are of equal worth, whether man, ferret, or, presumably, tape-worm.

I try to take an honest view of the relationship between man and animals. I dislike cruelty, but without realism and management, farms would be cluttered up with old, sick animals while even more endangered species would be lost.

Without the use of animals in medicine a large percentage of the present human population, including many animal liberators, would have been dead long ago.

From my involvement with the animal kingdom in farming and conservation, the work of the animal activists seems ill-informed and misguided. In many cases they actually inflict stress and suffering on the animals they claim to be helping. Those involved range from liberated vegans—how do they prevent carrot weevils dying in their carrot juice?—to anarchists, all united to fight against blood sports, laboratory animals, the fur trade, vivisection and meat eating.

Many work secretly, using violence and intimidation, sabotaging hunts, releasing animals, poisoning turkeys and smashing laboratories. To attract newcomers they admit to feeling the same emotions as the fox hunters they so often condemn. As one told me recently: "It's good fun and can be most exciting."

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their almost total lack of understanding can be seen from their actions, which often involve great cruelty. The most obvious is in the release of mink from fur farms. Production of furs on farms is far more desirable than trapping animals in the wild. I have looked over a mink farm and although that form of farming did not appeal to me, the animals were healthy and well cared for and morally I cannot differentiate between killing a mink for its skin, a sheep for a sheepskin coat or a cow to make shoes.

The release of mink is nothing less than hooliganism. Some cannot cope in their new and unfamiliar surroundings, while those that do create havoc with wildlife. It shows a total ignorance of animal behaviour and is cruel both to the animals released and those animals and birds that are suddenly confronted by a savage, new predator. Like the fox, mink can indulge in wanton killing and many conservation bodies trap mink to protect ground-nesting birds.

Field sports are another target for the animal activists, particularly grouse and pheasant shooting, fox hunting and even fishing. They seem unaware that fishermen played an important part in cleaning up our rivers, and that most national parks consider grouse to be an integral part of heather-moorland management. If "grouse liberation" ever became a reality, most of our traditional moorlands would be at risk. Without sporting or economic returns, they would be given over to forestry or sheep. The heather and the unique flora and fauna associated with them, including the grouse, would be lost for ever.

LABORATORIES are easy targets for the animal liberators. Again the release of animals born and reared in comfortable conditions is cruel and can leave them cold, hungry and frightened.

One of the laboratories broke into last year contained animals used by Prof. Roy Calne, the transplant specialist at Cambridge whose work was shown on the BBC's "That's Life" programme, in which a small boy, Ben Hardwick, received a liver transplant. Without the operation he would have died. Do animal liberationists believe that transplant techniques should not have been developed using animals? If so, do they also believe that small, sick children, as well as countless other transplant patients, should be left to die?

There is little doubt that some aspects of factory-farming and animal research are worrying and that many creatures, domestic and wild, need help. Unfortunately, however, the activities of the animal liberators are almost entirely counter-productive and can cause more stress and cruelty than they prevent.

It is therefore not the medical profession's freedom to prescribe which is at stake; it is the right of patients, particularly those who cannot afford payment, to receive the treatment which is best suited to their needs.

(Dr.) JOHN MARKS

RATE-CAPPING IS COMMON SENSE

SIR—By featuring a rat in the advertisement appearing in your newspaper (Dec 14), the rate-capped local authorities finally sink (metaphorically and literally) to the polities of the gutter.

Claiming as a scare tactic, that rate-capping equals a public health risk is unforgivable, and totally unsupportable with facts. Such tactics debase the real worth and good name of local government.

During 1984, more rubbish has been spoken and written about rate-capping than almost any other political issue. Absurd claims have been heaped upon assumption until the public can no longer distinguish fact from fiction.

Rate-capping, quite properly, imposes common sense spending limits on those local authorities that refuse to recognise the economic facts of life and ability of ratepayers to pay.

Claims that rate-capping is an affront to local democracy are humbug. Where is the democracy of providing ever more at other people's expense to electors who enjoy the protection of rate and rent rebates? Whatever became of the

concept of no taxation without representation?

To claim that rate-capping threatens essential local services is utter nonsense. The Government is not forcing councils to cut services to the public while continuing aid to the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament and the strike for miners. It simply limits total expenditure.

Every council rate-capped has plenty of scope to cut waste and unnecessary expenditure. For example, the advertisements currently appearing almost certainly cost more than employing one more rat catcher per council!

If every council were to do as mine has done, rate-capping would be unnecessary. Our rates are lower than they were in 1974. We have 18 per cent fewer staff, 57 per cent fewer departments and 40 per cent fewer committees.

We have (among many other service improvements) opened a second swimming pool and enhanced our refuse collection service.

(Clr) DAVID WILSHIRE

Leader, Wansdyke Dist. Cllr.

Keynsham Town Hall.

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"donkey" quotation

SIR—Like Dr R. E. Dawson (Dec. 4) I do not wish to prolong detailed discussion of the conduct of the First World War.

I fear, however, that he is playing the familiar game of presenting a distressing stereotype image of a past event in order to prove a present political point.

There is no such thing as "the classic scene of the battles" of that war; they varied from front to front and from occasion to occasion. Dr Dawson paints only the image of periods of frustration and defeat: it in no way fits the scenes of victory—viz. Messines, Broodseinde, Cambrai, La. Hamel, Amiens and the Western Front—generally forgotten by the propagandists of the '50s and '60s and, sadly, by Miss Lynn Macdonald.

I must ask one question. Dr Dawson says: "It was, after all, General Gommier who called the British leaders 'donkeys'." Well, was it? If so, which, and when? It may assist Dr Dawson (and others) if I here recall a letter in these columns on Dec. 16, 1963, from Mr J. C. Sharp of Birmingham:

Some two years ago there was published a book by Mr Alan Clark on the conduct of British generals in World War I which was entitled "The Donkeys."

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Corridors of power

SIR—I recently attended a local county court as an observer in a landlord/tenant dispute of the sort that is becoming all too familiar in central London.

The argument regarding possession of a flat had been going on for some time and a good deal of legal costs had already been incurred which the two elderly defendants considered worthless.

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Deadly permutations

SIR—Without entering the debate on fluoridation, I desire to correct Mr A. Henry Bailey (Dec. 11), that "Hundreds died in 1918 through an influenza called Spanish flu."

The epidemic so-called was world-wide, affecting countries not involved in the conflict, and whose nutrition was not suspect. Death equal severity. It respected neither weak nor strong, old nor young, families being wiped out within 48 hours of onset.

It remains a salutary reminder of the deadly permutations of which the influenza virus is capable rather than a reminder of what we should eat or drink.

(Dr.) A. M. JONES

Cardiff.

Safety standards

SIR—Mr Tim

Rules on police use of spying gear tightened

By T. A. SANDROCK Crime Correspondent

POLICE use of surveillance equipment is to be subjected to more detailed and rigorous procedures. Mr Brittan, Home Secretary, announced yesterday.

The new guidelines follow a review into the use of the equipment, and replace the previous guidance issued in 1977.

The Home Secretary said he was satisfied the scale of use of surveillance devices particularly in circumstances where most "sensitive" questions of privacy arise was not excessive.

There are five main changes:

1. IN GENERAL such devices for listening or visual surveillance are to be used only when an investigation concerns serious crime, normal investigation methods have been tried and failed or from the nature of things be unlikely to succeed if tried, there is good reason to think use of the equipment was likely to lead to arrest and conviction, and for the prevention of acts of terrorism.

Records kept

2. AUTHORITY for the use of such equipment has been specified, with the chief constable's personal authority being required in an extended range of circumstances before devices are used.

3. MORE DETAILED records are to be kept on the use of both aural and visual surveillance equipment, and these records are to be made available for inspection by H M Inspectors of Constabulary.

4. GUIDANCE is given on retention of the product of surveillance, its use in court proceedings and outside the police service and its destruction when no longer needed.

5. EXPLICITLY ruled out is the use of devices in circumstances such as in a public telephone box where the sole purpose or only foreseeable result of their use is to overhear speech transmitted by telephone.

Under the new guidelines records must be kept for both aural and visual devices instead of only aural devices as was previously the case.

Wide variety

"The guidelines make clear that a range of surveillance devices is used for a wide variety of purposes, and all forces make use of surveillance devices to a greater or lesser extent," Mr Brittan states in reply to a written Commons question.

"In view of this wide range

of devices and circumstances statistical information would be meaningful only if it were broken down to indicate different types of device and operation.

"But it would not be in the interests of the prevention and detection of crime for information to be made public in this degree of detail."

He was confident the revised and tightened guidelines coupled with the attention that will "continue to be given to these matters" by Inspectors of Constabulary would ensure devices of all kinds were used only where strictly necessary for proper and efficient conduct of police operations and with due regard for the intrusion of privacy which may result in particular circumstances.

The guidelines accept surveillance equipment has a "valuable role" in many police operations, and that the police have a duty to employ appropriate surveillance measures where necessary for the prevention and detection of crime.

Key factor

But it must also be recognised, the guidelines state, that use of the equipment may involve encroachment on privacy, and the circumstances in which the equipment was used were generally the key factor in determining public attitudes.

Most concern is directed towards the use of equipment in circumstances where targets of surveillance might reasonably assume a high degree of privacy, for example in their homes or in a hotel bedroom.

Surveillance of public places such as shopping precincts or football grounds, if undertaken responsibly, was usually less contentious, the general guidelines state.

But the increasing sophistication of equipment enhances the need for sensitivity at all times in its use.

"Careful consideration at a senior level in the police service therefore needs to be given in each case to all the circumstances of the particular investigation or operation before the use of equipment for surveillance operations is authorised," the directions state.

£5m needed to save four medical projects

By OUR HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

FOUR medical research projects in which Britain has a world lead will be lost unless an extra £5 million a year can be made available, the Medical Research Council said yesterday.

The Government-financed council suffered a cut in real terms of £4,700,000 in its budget this year, and it is now watching anxiously to see how much it will be allocated for next year's research programmes.

Sir James Gowans, secretary, said that unless this year's grant of £117 million is increased by at least £5 million it will be unable to go ahead with four top priority projects.

These are a new centre at Oxford University to apply discoveries of molecular biology to medicine; development of techniques to reconstruct internal pictures of the human body at Hammersmith Hospital; the development of a centre for neurobiology; and a new centre for collaborative research between universities and industry.

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Princess Anne on the steps of the Jerusalem Chamber at Westminster Abbey yesterday with youngsters to whom she presented this year's Children of Courage Awards. Holding his scroll of honour above his head is three-year-old Gary Plane, of Burnley, Lancs, who lost both legs after being blown under the wheels of a lorry by a strong gust of wind.

AIRPORT OPTIONS DISCUSSED

By VALERIE ELLIOTT
Political Staff

MR RIDLEY, transport secretary, is expected to make a Commons statement today on the Government's intentions for the future of the Civil Aviation Bill.

This week Tory MPs opposed to plans for the expansion of Stansted Airport and the restriction of flights at Heathrow have twice blocked the passage of the Bill through its Commons committee.

Mr Ridley discussed the options available yesterday with senior ministers and is thought to be unlikely to withdraw the Bill together. He is expected to attempt a compromise solution.

The three conservatives who voted with Labour and Liberal members on the committee to defeat the motion, Mr John Wilkinson (Ruislip Northwood) chairman of the Conservative aviation committee, Mr Anthony Sleath (South Hams) and Mr Patrick Thompson (Norwich North) have indicated that they would support the Government if it agreed to give an assurance that flights at Heathrow would not be limited to 275,000 a year.

They believe that by placing such a control on Heathrow would inevitably lead to the expansion of Stansted, as they claim it would prejudice Mr Ridley's final decision on the Stansted inquiry report.

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SAUDI CASH FOR LEAR FAN WORK

A private consortium, the Saudi-controlled Zoya Corporation, has agreed to give substantial extra cash to the troubled Lear Fan executive jet project in Ulster, the Northern Ireland Minister of State, Dr Rhodes Boyson, disclosed in the Commons yesterday. He hoped that work in the Ulster factories - interrupted in August because of delays in getting a U.S. airworthiness certificate - can re-start soon and will need 1,000 jobs instead of the 2,800 originally visualised.

APPEAL JUDGES REFUSE BAR ON EEC PAYMENT

Mr Oliver Smedley, an anti-Commons Market campaigner, yesterday failed in his Appeal Court to stop Britain giving the EEC an extra £121.5 million towards the overspending of its budget.

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the scale we want, to make it sufficiently enticing to get people back from the United States, unless we can get the money to finance it quickly."

Professor John Newsom-Davis, chairman of the council's Neurobiology and Mental Health Board, said many good research projects were being turned down for lack of money and young researchers were going abroad.

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Embryo implants 'must be illegal'

By DAVID FLETCHER
Health Services Correspondent

LEGISLATION to make it a criminal offence to put a human embryo into an animal was demanded by Sir Immanuel Jakobovits, the Chief Rabbi, yesterday.

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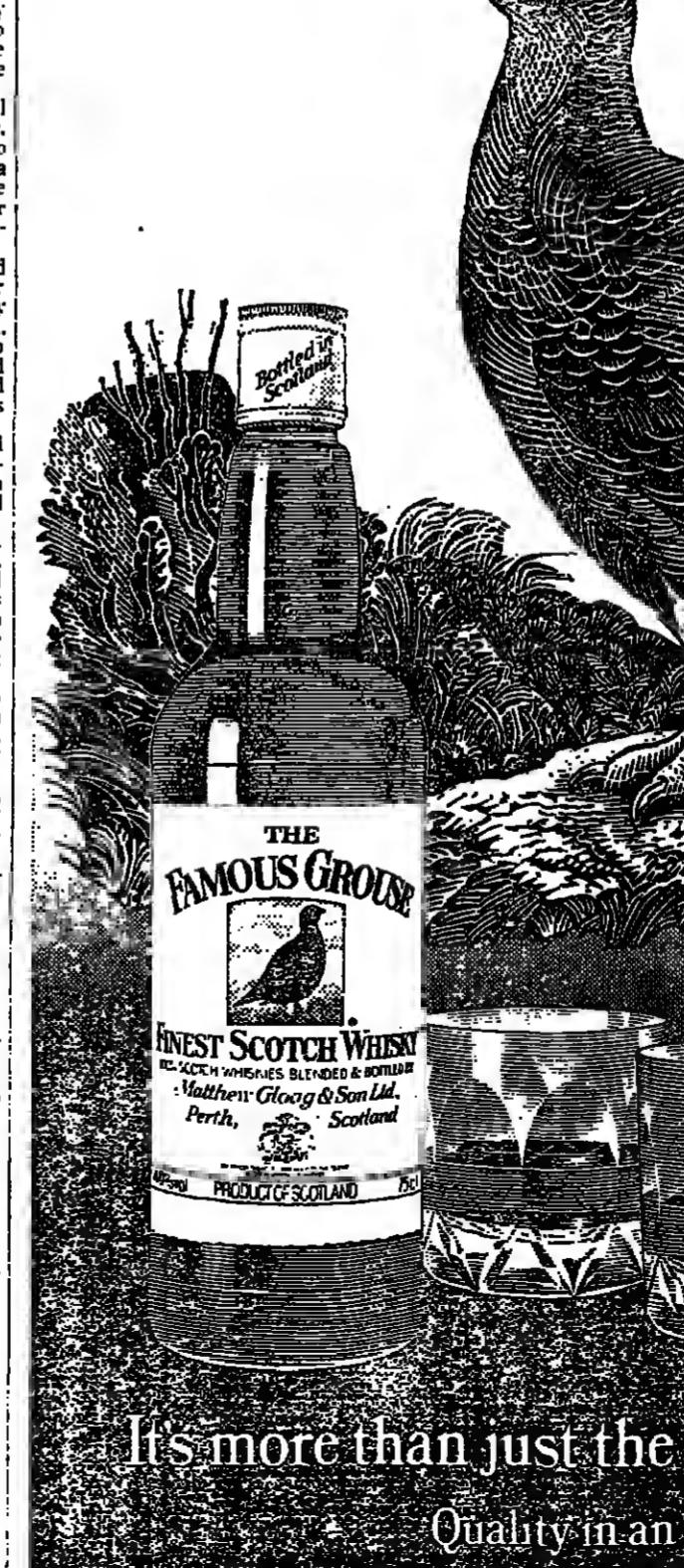
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Troubleshooter takes over North London Poly

By SARAH THOMPSON Education Staff

A POLYTECHNIC director who has banned the "expressing of offensive views" and takes a hard line on disruption in his own college is to take over the director's chair temporarily at the trouble-torn Polytechnic of North London.

He is Dr John Beishon, director of the Polytechnic of the South Bank.

In May this year, at the start of the North London Poly's problems over the National Front activist Patrick Harrington, Dr Beishon tightened rules at his own establishment to ensure that he would not meet with the same disruption.

Last night, the North London's Court of Governors accepted an ILEA suggestion that Dr Beishon be appointed as director during the forthcoming ILEA inquiry into the college's affairs.

The Minister would have responsibility for co-ordinating campaigns to ensure more of the 56 million tonnes of waste a year generated from homes and industry is recycled. At present only 15 million tonnes is used again.

The committee, headed by Mr Kenneth Warren (C. Hastings and Rye), called for higher priority to be given by the Government to waste issues and greater local responsibility for specific recycling schemes. It praises the Greater London Council and other authorities for "commendable" initiatives.

The all-party group also urges the Government to give incentives to industry for companies recycling waste, and to consider how tax changes could be used to encourage greater use of waste materials being given a second lease of life.

The student was ostracised so thoroughly by staff and other students that he left.

Twelve days ago Dr David MacDowell handed in his resignation as director at North London Poly, effectively from Dec. 31, on advice from Mrs Frances Morrell, the leader of the ILEA.

Moustaches are allowed providing they are neatly trimmed, but caps, clothes and strict rules are imposed on friends and colleagues.

Princess Anne also gave awards to Dominic Jones, 12, of Port Talbot, West Glamorgan, who mopped up an escaping crook; Simon Wrigley, nine, of Selby, Yorkshire, who helped to raise £1.5 million for the Children Bone Marrow Appeal.

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Gold stages modest rise

AFTER three days of falling prices relative calm returned to the precious metals markets yesterday where gold closed 50 cents higher at \$305.50 an ounce and silver staged a modest recovery.

Silver was \$43.65 an ounce, up 8.16p, and the free market platinum price was \$2.55 higher at \$251.50 an ounce.

Gold may, however, find the downward pressure easing as gold could resume gold to hold early gains yesterday as further European selling undermined initial "fat" East buying orders.

Jobs increase

GOVERNMENT statistics published yesterday show that the number of employees in employment in manufacturing, mining and quarrying rose by 5,690 in October. The three months ending in October saw an average monthly increase of 3,800 which compares with an average decrease of 1,800 in the previous three month period to end July.

The figures, which confirm the pattern of relatively little movement in the number of manufacturing employees in 1984 following several years of decline, do not confirm the

Westland loses lift

WESTLAND, Britain's helicopter group, reports pre-tax profits of £16.5m for the year ended Sept. 30, compared with £25.1m and has made provisions in its accounts because of the poor state of the market.

Group turnover fell from £220.5m to £209.5m through the final eight months, retaining a £5.25m a share, payable Feb. 14, holding the year's payment at 8.25p a share.

Question—P15

Hanson outlook

HANSON Trust's entrepreneurial skill is expected to bring further rewards to shareholders in 1985 and the year after, according to the chairman, Lord Hanson, in his annual report.

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Crystallate tops £5m

PROFITS at Crystallate Holdings advanced from £3.21m to £5.66m before tax in the year to Sept. 30, including £1m from the final dividend, and, according to the chairman, Lord Hanson, in his annual report.

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U.S. listings

THREE more United States companies have obtained a listing on the New York Stock Exchange. They are the Hospital Corporation of America, one of the world's leading health care companies, whose listing has been arranged by Lloyds Bank International with Cazenové as brokers.

The Linet Inc., a large women's clothing specialist store and mail order retailer in America with a capitalisation of \$135m, where the listing has been arranged by Lazarus Brothers and Sonneborn, has also been listed, which has been arranged by Morgan Grenfell.

Notts bid fails

NOTTINGHAM Manufacturing's £50m bid for Johnson Group Cleaners has failed and the offer was lapsed last night.

Nottingham managed about 25 per cent of share receipts and had bought 10 per cent through the market. Previous bids for Johnson Group were snatched by the Monopolies Commission.

Johnson's chairman, John Cawson, said he was naturally very pleased with the result.

Glanfield delay

GREGORY Securities' much-discounted bid for Glanfield Lawrence is still being considered by all parties and by the Take-over Panel.

WORLD MARKETS

AMSTERDAM 100s Cons. 182.30 + 2.40
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U.S. economic growth assured 'for next year'

By JAMES SRODES in Washington

AMERICA'S economic noon the Dow showed a frantic engine, recharged after a summer slump, has picked up enough speed to ensure safe and smooth growth in 1985, the government reported yesterday.

The Commerce Department said that the gross national product, the measure of all goods and services produced, was expanding at a 2.8 p.c. rate in the current quarter according to preliminary data.

The growth news came on top of a string of interest rate declines which economists said should bode well for the economy even if it is coming from Citicorp and Wells Fargo and later Chase Manhattan followed the lead of Manufacturers Hanover and sliced their prime lending rates to 10.4 p.c.

Although the GNP "flash" estimate is subject to later revision, Commerce Secretary Malcolm Baldrige said the data indicated the economy was on the rebound from the summer doldrums.

The 2.8 p.c. real growth rate follows a third quarter expansion of just 1.6 p.c., which was even less than previously believed. The Commerce Department had originally pegged third quarter growth at 1.9 p.c.

News of the larger-than-expected jump in economic activity threw Wall Street into confusion as traders were torn between taking profits from the previous day's buying binge and responding to the healthy growth data.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average recovered erratically in extreme heavy trading and every advance was countered by a period of quick selling. The average of 30 industrials soared nine points in early morning in a follow through of Tuesday's 55-point rise, but in the after

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COMPANIES

Barstow Eves seeks £7m

SHARES in estate agents Barstow Eves slipped 2p to 780 yesterday as the company announced a £7.08 million gross (£6.8 million net) rights issue from shareholders. Terms are one new share at 64p for every three held.

The company points out that it raised £2.8 million when floated on the stock market in May 1982. Since then its residential sales network of offices has jumped from 53 to 93. The company wants to expand the network further and develop "an integrated mortgage and financial services organisation."

The company forecasts that 1984 profits will be £5 million before tax against a restated £1.6 million for 1983. A final dividend of 8.05p per share had already been recommended at the time of the interims. That makes the 1984 total 14.48p a share and now the company forecasts 1985 dividends of not less than 18p on the enlarged equity.

Shareholders need to approve the increased share capital. A meeting will be held on Jan. 16.

American Oil Fields

A MODEST reduction in half-year pre-tax losses from £545,000 to £535,000 is recorded by American Oil Fields Systems. Turnover slipped to £234,000 from £236,000. The decline in income, says the board, was partially due to the normal depletion of reserves owned in the United States as well as in oil and gas price investment funds managed by Montagu Investment Management, now own 29.9 p.c. AOF's and are the largest company in examining possible areas of diversification.

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Chemring

CHERRING, the maker of electronic countermeasure products, has had another record year with pre-tax profits up from £1.30m to £1.45m on sales of £1.6m against £1.15m. Earnings per share of 13.1p, a final dividend lifts the total from 7.6p to 10p.

Chairman Ian Fairfield says that with the current strong order book, strong management team and an increasing demand for the company's products, Chemring is set fair for another good year.

Flexel Castors

FLEXEL Castors and Wheels, which was back in profit in the opening half with £411,000 pre-tax and remained interim with a 1p payment, went on to £734,000 pre-tax for the full year against a £33,000 loss, and is paying a 2p final. This gives a 10p p.t. from earnings of 12.25p (1.4p).

Moreover, chairman John Cowell says there are no indications that demand is slackening and he feels first half figures will top the corresponding period's results and will be supported by holding and other seasonal influences, but provided current business levels are sustained he is expecting a record year.

Pict Petroleum

SHARPLY higher full-year pre- and post-tax losses of £524,000 against £232,000 are reported by Pict Petroleum, the Edinburgh-based oil company which is just called on holders for £3m in a two-for five rights issue at 12.5p.

The loss is, however, after writing off a full year's expense of £1.2m, and will fall to £230,000 and includes only four months' income from Claymore amounting to £1.4m. At Oct. 31, Pict had cash of £4.1m (Exm) for further exploration.

The financial year is to be changed from Oct. 31 to June 30.

Mansfield Brewery

MANSFIELD Brewery has followed a record year by reporting a first half pre-tax profit of £88,000 to £4.54m after charging a provision of £125,000 in respect of the cost of the equipment, giving shareholders a 10p final dividend. It says its sustained growth in draught beer sales volumes has been interrupted by the miners' dispute but that because of the underlying business base operating profit performance was maintained.

The interim dividend is again 2.5p, from earnings of 15.6p (19.6p).

Stainless Metalcraft

THE profits shortfall predicted in July by Stainless Metalcraft, the USM-traded maker of precision equipment, has materialised. Pre-tax profit for the year ended Sept. 30, 1983, totalled £1.00m, but the 4.2p (2.2p) dividend total predicted is intact, a 2p final being payable Feb. 14 from earnings of 9.2p (10.4p). The lead time to contracts is 12 months.

RIGHTS ISSUES

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BUILDING group Y.J. Lovell has agreed to buy Charter Homes, the private Northamptonshire housebuilder, for £7.2 million. Charter is now selling 400 homes a year while the Lovell group has been selling some 2,000 units.

Lovell also announces a 41p.p.c. rise in pre-tax profits, from £4.56 million to £5.42 million for the year to September 30, sales up from £170 million to £205 million.

Charter will add to Lovell's portfolio in the Midlands and the Bristol area. It brings a land bank of some 950 plots plus a further 200 under contract, or option.

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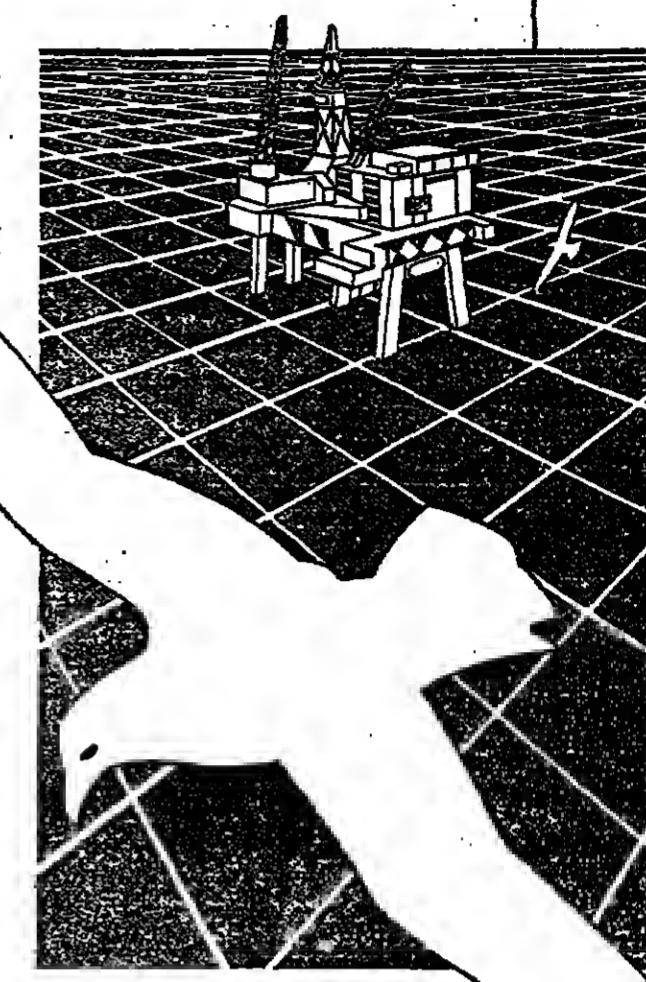
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Sport... ON 3 PAGES

McGUIGAN HOOK ENDS DREAM OF GALLANT RUAN

By KEN MAYS

BARRY McGuigan, of Clones, retained his British and European featherweight title when he knocked out Clyde Ruan, of Slough, after two minutes 50 seconds of the fourth round at the Ulster Hall in Belfast last night.

McGuigan, relegated to this compact and over-crowded city centre venue, sent the 2,000 Irishmen wild with delight when he produced a left hook that had his challenger flat on his back and with no chance of beating the count.

The Irishman, who had been forced to put the European championship on the line although this was officially the first defence of the British title, he won 20 months ago, was never in any danger.

He took things cautiously against an unconvincing non-ranked in anything like the same class.

To his credit Ruan, who had won the right in challenge with a victory over Pat Doherty, tried valiantly to break down the superb defence of the Irishman in the end he paid for his efforts.

Left hook unleashed

Ruan stood his ground to the earlier rounds, when McGuigan unleashed the left hook, and again in his credit took the fight to the Irishman.

He certainly earned his estimated £11,000 purse but he had no idea whatsoever when he knocked out punch line and it was doubtful whether he heard the sound of referee Terry Fenwick's gong.

McGuigan's 25th round ended his 10th consecutive round of the distance victory and once more he proved his claim as the challenger for a world title.

Ruan, a minicab proprietor who has the distinction of being the only man to have defeated McGuigan, had doubts beforehand as to the punching ability of the Irishman. These were dispelled by Carl Barwick, a burly, stocky, middleweight, who won his last 10 bouts, including the last 10, against the likes of Eddie Kidd, Geoff Peeler (now a coach), David Evans, Mervyn Tinsley, Trevor McLean, Brian Higgins, Steve Squire, Steve Williams, and Graham Clarke (Clarke) won him.

McGuigan rolled on his only accurate punch, the left hook to the body, but often went to the head, to the straight left of the longer.

The Belfast boxer did most of the forking throughout the 12

minutes, often appearing content in take Barwick's punches in an effort to land his own blows. But his defences were often less than perfect. Because he had the opportunity to score frequently and the Irishman was fortunate that his opponent did not possess a damaging blow.

McGuigan looked over-confident, too confident. He was protected himself at every opportunity and with the left hand.

In a scheduled eight rounds light-welterweight contest David Irvine, of Ireland, was knocked out in the seventh by Geoff Peeler, of Wales.

Irvine, who has a reputation for taking the fight to the target throughout for the Welshman's left jab and was cut over the right eye in the fifth.

The Irishman tried gallantly to make up for his lack of punch but was always on the losing end and the contest could have been stopped by the sixth.

Irvine made a gallant effort at the start of the seventh but a sharp cross left hook to the jaw stretched him on the canvas and referee Larry Connell did not bother to count.

Superb victory

David "Boy" McAuley, of Lorne, scored a superb fourth-round victory over Graham Clarke of Merthyr, but twice had to climb out of the canvas.

McAuley was sent down by a left hook midway through the second and only moments later regained his feet was down again, this time from a right.

McAuley showed a little sign of fatigue under his own steam during the third but when he opened out with his fast punches in the fourth he sent his opponent reeling across the ring.

Another powerful attack sent Clarke across to the other side and referee Connell wisely stopped the fight.

David "Boy" McAuley & European featherweight champion, David Ruan, of Slough, Geoff Peeler (now a coach), David Evans, Mervyn Tinsley, Trevor McLean, Brian Higgins, Steve Squire, Steve Williams, and Graham Clarke (Clarke) won him.

Recent signing, Steve Foster, and sought-after Ricky Hill (right) may soon be joined by Nelson Agresta at Luton.

Women's Hockey

S. KOREANS IMPRESS CARDWELL

By NANCY TOMKINS

THIS South Korean women's hockey team, who went home yesterday after two weeks at Crystal Palace, won all their matches on the Astrotrout pitch but lost 4-0 to Kent on grass.

Jenny Cardwell, the England coach, whose XI were beaten 2-0 on Monday, said: "The Korean stickwork was first class."

Angela Cannell, England and captain of Middlesex, Caroline Evans and Chris Whitmore of Essex, and Eddie Silcott of Kent were in Mrs Cardwell's side but the outstanding performer was overworked goalkeeper Denise Feveyear, understudy to Julie Cook.

At the weekend the Koreans beat Suffolk 2-1 and Surrey 3-1. Surrey were without Karen Brown, playing indoors for England in Edinburgh, and their best player was again a goalkeeper—Denise Feveyear, understudy to the New Year's Day visit to West Ham.

Referee's report

The FA are awaiting the referee's report of Fenwick's hooking during last Saturday's defeat at Old Trafford. If, as expected, this take him past 21 penalty points, he will face a two-match ban.

However, Fenwick and Stainrod are available for the home game against Liverpool, which will be televised live by the BBC tomorrow night.

With Kenny Dalglish recovered from the back strain that kept him out of Liverpool's visit to Aston Villa last Saturday, Joe Fagan, the manager, has to

decide whether to recall him up front or to midfield, or delay his return.

If Mr Fagan wishes to retain Paul Walsh, who returned to the team on Sunday, Saturday following a suspension, then John Wark could take over from John Wark or Craig Johnston in midfield.

With Kevin MacDonald, Liverpool's recent signing from Leicester, also available for a midfield job, the manager may decide not to risk Dalglish on Rangers' plus-minus pitch and instead keep him back for the three holiday games.

Mark Lawrenson, having recovered from the hamstring strain that kept him out of the last two matches, is expected to be back at the heart of Liverpool's defence against Rangers.

Highly effective

Suffolk, without inside-forwards Maguire, Lipscombe and Denise Feveyear, put up a better show than the Koreans, fast and highly motivated, availed proved their mastery of artificial surfaces.

Mrs Cardwell believes the Koreans have reached a level approximating the English territorial teams. As well as being delightful, skilful, they were always moving elusively and teasing opponents.

Their successful tour, part of an intensive preparation for the Intercontinental Cup in Argentina in April, should alert European teams to the growing threat from Asia.

South Korea will host the 1988 Olympic Games. Neither Wales, preparing for the Intercontinental Cup, nor aspiring Olympic competitors dare under-rate the rapid progress being made by South Korea's women's hockey team.

Squash Rackets

TONBRIDGE IN COMMAND

By ROB MCLEAN

Rupert Owen-Browne and Jonathan Longley had contrasting successes over Wellington School on Saturday's Club yesterday in their bid to retain the Foster and Ingleton-Wilberforce cup for Tonbridge.

While Owen-Browne moved impressively into the semi-finals of the main event after defeating Tim Crook in straight games, Longley had to fight hard against William Waghorn.

The other Foster Cup semi-finalists are Simon Hartson, whose second consecutive recovery from two games down against Simon Davies, makes him the first Wykehamist since 1977 to reach this stage.

He meets Daren Brownlee, with the other semi-finalists being between Harrow's David Dick and Eton's Peter Baily, who also came from behind to beat Malvern's Charles Mason and Marborough's Jonathan Head.

Results: CUP: semi-finalists, Daren Brownlee (Tonbridge) 15-13, 15-12, 15-12; Peter Baily (Eton) 13-11, 13-11; Simon Hartson (Harrow) 15-13, 15-12; David Dick (Harrow) 15-13, 15-12; D. Baily (Eton) 15-13, 15-12; D. Brownlee (Tonbridge) 15-13, 15-12; CUP: quarter-finals, Daren Brownlee (Tonbridge) 15-13, 15-12; Peter Baily (Eton) 13-11, 13-11; Simon Hartson (Harrow) 15-13, 15-12; David Dick (Harrow) 15-13, 15-12; CUP: 3rd/4th, Daren Brownlee (Tonbridge) 15-13, 15-12; Peter Baily (Eton) 15-13, 15-12; CUP: 5th/6th, Daren Brownlee (Tonbridge) 15-13, 15-12; Peter Baily (Eton) 15-13, 15-12; CUP: 7th/8th, Daren Brownlee (Tonbridge) 15-13, 15-12; Peter Baily (Eton) 15-13, 15-12; CUP: 9th/10th, Daren Brownlee (Tonbridge) 15-13, 15-12; Peter Baily (Eton) 15-13, 15-12; CUP: 11th/12th, Daren Brownlee (Tonbridge) 15-13, 15-12; Peter Baily (Eton) 15-13, 15-12; CUP: 13th/14th, Daren Brownlee (Tonbridge) 15-13, 15-12; Peter Baily (Eton) 15-13, 15-12; CUP: 15th/16th, Daren Brownlee (Tonbridge) 15-13, 15-12; Peter Baily (Eton) 15-13, 15-12; CUP: 17th/18th, Daren Brownlee (Tonbridge) 15-13, 15-12; Peter Baily (Eton) 15-13, 15-12; CUP: 19th/20th, Daren Brownlee (Tonbridge) 15-13, 15-12; Peter Baily (Eton) 15-13, 15-12; 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THREE ACCEPT FOR KEMPTON'S KING GEORGE

By HOTSPUR (Peter Scott)

KEMPTON PARK'S King George VI 'Chase will have a maximum of three runners on Boxing Day. Burrough Hill Lad and Wayward Lad have scared away all except Combs Ditch, who was left in at yesterday's declaration stage but is not yet a certain starter.

Wayward Lad came from behind to win it in 1982 and 1983. Waiting tactics are also normally employed on Combs Ditch, whose recent declaration stage was his first race since finishing an exhausted last in the 1983 Cheltenham Gold Cup.

Burrough Hill Lad led for most of the way when beat Wayward Lad at Wetherby 12 days ago and seems certain to make the running at Kempton Park.

The King George VI 'Chase was first staged in February 1957, when Southern Hero beat Royal Mail and two others for a first prize of only £392.

Ground made very firm by frost reduced the 1984 race to a match with Frenchman's Cove easily defeating Jay Trump. This

ing Stakes, sponsored by Juddiment Stud on May 18, will carry increased prize money, besides added grants from Group Three to Group Two.

The Trusthouse Forte Mile is confined to four-year-olds and upwards and fills a gap in Europe's early-season pattern.

Those entries eligible for the Juddiment Lockinge Stakes, but most of its runners are senior milers, because of competition from the same afternoon's Irish 2000 Guineas.

The Lockinge Stakes was downgraded to Group Three in 1985 because of insufficient prize money, but this has been put right by support from Juddiment Stud, which has that high-class miler Known Fact as its principal stallion.

Trusthouse Forte's English

TODAY'S HEREFORD SELECTIONS

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1. 0-Ardent Spy	1. 20-Ardent Spy	1. 20-Ardent Spy
1. 20-20 Spaced One	1. 30-SOMAY (nap)	1. 30-SOMAY (nap)
2. 0-Pucks Fella	2. 0-Ballydoughnagh	2. 0-Ballydoughnagh
2. 20-Master Carl	2. 20-Esra	2. 20-Esra
3. 0-Nader	3. 0-Nader	3. 0-Nader

HOTSPUR'S DOUBLE—Ardent Spy and Spaced One.

TONY STAFFORD—Flying Oats (5.15, Carlisle).

remains the smallest King George VI 'Chase field, though Mill House faced only two rivals in 1983.

Kempton's Park's management must feel disappointed that record £40,000 added money will not attract a few more horses in search of place prizes, but at least all the principals stood their ground at yesterday's declaration stage for the Ladbrokes Christmas Hurdle.

Gave Brief, Brown's Gazette, Ra Nova, See You Then, Desert Orchid, Rushmoor, Janus and Sire de la Piste are the eight acceptors for the Kempton Park attraction, but Gave Brief is not a certal runner.

With no train on Boxing Day, a mid-morning bus service for racegoers will operate about every 15 minutes between Richmond and Cheltenham and Kempton Park.

The 1985 flat-race season will offer improved incentives for senior milers. The Trusthouse Forte Mile is a new race at £40,000 added being introduced at Sandown Park on Friday, April 25.

This will enjoy Group Two pattern status and Newbury's Lock-

stakes also include the seven-furlong Hungerford Stakes at Newbury in August. This competition is supported by Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe and Prix Vermeille at Longchamp.

New sponsor

Epsom's Blue Riband Trial Stakes next spring will have a new sponsor with the electronics group Nucal replacing Esal Bookmakers.

The Epsom spring meeting was shortened from three days to two this year. It will remain a two-day fixture in 1985 with the Blue Riband Trial switched to the afternoon, Wednesday, April 24.

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TELEVISION - THURSDAY

BY RONALD HASTINGS

BBC-1

6.30 a.m. **BREAKFAST TIME**, with Frank Bough and Selina Scott. 6.5-10 **Taking Sides**, a simultaneous programme with Radio 4. 10.30-10.50 **Play School**, rpt. 10.55. **Weather**. 12.35 **Regionals**, News (London and South East, including mid-morning, and the South in Business Award). 1.45 **Fingerhats**, rpt. 2 **The Alternative Show**, including **Retirement**, and **Social Drinking**. 3 **For the Record**, second. 2.20 **Beastly** in the Eve, **South Seas**. 2.30 **Death at Sea: The Life and Death of the Captain**, rpt. 7.15. 3.20 **Play School**. 4.10 **Supereted**. 4.15 **The Land of Green**. 4.30 **Screen Test**, **Test**, **Green Special**. 4.50 **Lightning Switching on Cornwalls**, **Christmas Illuminations**. 5.20 **Henry's Cat**. 5.25 **Grange Hill**, rpt. (Ceefax sub-titles). 5.55 **Weather**.

6.00 NEWS.

6.30 REGIONAL MAGAZINES.

6.55 THE DISTRICT NURSE—Megan has an important decision to make in this 13th and last episode. (Ceefax sub-titles.)

7.25 TOP OF THE POPS—Introduced by Simon Bates and Janice Long.

BBC-2

2.55 p.m. **Backstairs at the White House**: last episode in this repeat of a dramatisation of the private lives of American Presidents, with Harry Morgan as Harry Truman, Andrew Duggan as Dwight Eisenhower and John Anderson as Franklin D. Roosevelt. 3.30 **News**, **Weather**. 5.35 ***THE WAR WE WON*** (1948)—A good action Western, with comedy elements, cast with reliable old favourites of whom John Wayne plays a convict out on parole and seeking revenge against Bruce Cabot, who put him away and took his farm. Wayne assembles a gang, including Keenan Wynn as an Indian, dynamic expert Robert Walker, and Keenan Wynn to steal a gold shipment.

7.10 THE FIRST NOELS—The Protestant Christmas, including a ceremony at the Chapel Royal, started by Charles I, was banned at Christmas after it had been banned by the Puritans.

7.25 OPEN SPACE—Blues and Beyond. Second programme on black music.

8.00 COMMERCIAL BREAKS—Off the Beaten Track. A small holiday firm decides to expand into the risky long-haul market, sending weary workers to exotic locations, including Borneo.

8.00 **THE FRONT LINE**—Malcolm arrests a small-time crook who is one of Sheldon's henchmen. Rasta Sheldon then looks for seasonal work, but opening episodes of this new comedy series about half-black half-brothers have been very half-baked.

8.30 ZOO 2000—**Clover and Clover**. In this last of eight programmes Jeremy Cherfas shows us people touching sea creatures of Australia and suggests that further control is needed when on a sea-going world tour. **Sea** (1983) on Callithia, a seal, petting whales from a small boat, and generally not having a lot to do with zoos. Mr. Cherfas is against having whales or dolphins in captivity, however attractive. His other conclusions are fairly self-evident. (Ceefax sub-titles.)

9.00 NEWS, WEATHER.

9.25 CRIMEWATCH U.K.—Re-examining recent crimes, including the shooting of a policeman in Leeds, and a sex killer loose in Birmingham.

10.05 TAKING SIDES—The mining community of Shirebrook, Derbyshire, discuss the coal strike.

11.05 CRIMEWATCH UPDATE—Developments.

11.15 MACMILLAN AT WAR—Italy and Greece. Harold Macmillan talking with Ludovic Kennedy in the second of the three programmes. 11.30 **Weather**.

8.30 **FOOD AND DRINK**—Christmas Special. On Christmas, puds, home-made wine, what to do with a roasted artichoke and celebrating with the locals on Exmoor.

9.00 ENTERTAINMENT U.S.A.—Jonathan King in his last programme in chilly Seattle, preparing for Christmas.

9.30 ***FORTY MINUTES**—**The Loved Ones**. An amusing, and enlightening visit to the Animal Medical Center in New York which cures dogs of wonderful warts and never charges, right up to people who can afford them, but looking the other way when they can't. American owners, on this evidence, are far more emotional for their pets' good and here is a good situation all round. They even have a Pet Bereavement Group where owners may share their personal miseries.

10.10 THE TRAVEL SHOW—Christmas Special. In the Canary Islands and at an Alpine resort.

10.45 NEWSNIGHT.

11.30-12.00 **BUONGIORNO ITALIA**—Italian for beginners. Last of these repeats.

7.00 **KNIGHT RIDER**—The Rotten Apples. Variation of that old one about ruthless modern-day rustlers trying to run a social worker off her ranch.

8.00 **DUTY FREE**—Alios. The last day of the holiday and the last in this series.

8.30 **HOTEL**—Delours. Mrs. Cabot (Anne Baxter) is becoming erratic, a divorced father has a child crisis and the usual divorced couple meet again after ten years.

9.30 **TV EYE**—The Third Man. Will it be safe to fly the Atlantic with fewer crew and engine?

10.00 NEWS AT TEN; followed by **Thames News Headlines**.

10.30 ***THE WILD BUNCH*** (1969)—Violent and bloody Western set in 1914 and much better than Sam Peckinpah's usual level. On the Texas-Mexico border with William Holden leading a gang of outlaws and Robert Ryan as their enemy. Plus Ernest Borgnine, Edmond O'Brien, Ben Johnson and Warren Oates.

12.55 NIGHT THOUGHTS—With Moshe Davis.

8.30 **INTERNATIONAL GYMNASTICS**—U.S.S.R., U.S.A., Cuba, China, Japan and Great Britain competing at Wembley.

9.30 ***WINTER FLIGHT*** (1934)—Not another of the **Channel Four** repeats, but a new one, though already shown at the London Film Festival. A romance between an R.A.F. airman (Reece Dinsdale) and a NAFFI barmaid (Nicola Cowper), directed by Ray Battus.

11.30 **THE WINE PROGRAMME**—Tomorrow's Wine. Janis Robinson in the last of this repeated series visits the vineyards of California.

12.00 **SOAP**—Sheriff Burt and Deputy Danny visit massage parlours. Jessica is swept off her feet by revolutionary Valdez.

12.25-12.30 **JAN BREAKELL'S CHRISTMAS DIARY**—Six to Eight. Party time in Hammersmith.

** Outstanding. * Recommended.

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TV5

6.25 **Good Morning**.

7.25 **Sesame Street**.

10.50 **Fabulous Funnies**.

11.50 **Tales of Tom Pom**.

12.05 **The Magic Planet**.

12.45 **Flicks**.

12.10 **Mooneat & Co.**

12.20 **The Sullivans**.

1.00 **News**, **TV5 News**.

1.30 **Falcon Crest**.

2.30 **Dayfile**.

3.00 **University Challenge**.

3.20 **TV5 News**.

3.30 **The Young Doctors**.

4.00 **"Diver Twist"** animation.

5.15 **Blockbusters**.

5.45 **News**.

6.00 **Coast to Coast**.

6.35 **Crossroads**.

7.00 **Emmerdale Farm**.

7.30 **Knight Rider**.

8.30 **Never the Twain**.

9.00 **The Bounder**.

9.30 **News**, **Central News**.

10.00 **TV5 News**.

10.30 **Star of Bethlehem**.

11.30 **Festive Family**.

12.00 **Company**.

12.45 **Weather**.

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3.30 **"Jack the Giant Killer"** 1961 fairy tale; **Judi Dench** as **Mother Hubbard**.

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